GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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UPGRADATION OF ROADS TO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
GORDHANBHAI JAVIA

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has proposed upgradation of the Mandvi-Nalia Narayan Sarovar stretches of the coastal highway connecting the ports of Jeksu-Vadinar-Okha-Porbandar-Dholera, Nalia-Jamnagar-Okha-Porbandar-Veraval road and Bhavnagar-Vataman-Borsad-Padra-Karjan coastal roads into National Highways on priority ; and

(b) if so, by when this proposal is going to be accepted by the Union Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD. KHANDURI)

(a) and (b) All the proposals for conversion of State roads into National Highways received from the State of Gujarat including the instant proposals have been returned to them in June,2002 for review based on the revised criteria for declaration of new National Highways. Presently, there is a ban on declaration of new National Highways due to fund constraints. The Government may however, consider conversion of very limited lengths of a few State Highways as National Highways during the course of the 10th Five Year Plan, keeping in view the traffic needs, inter-se priority and availability of funds, after the ban is lifted.